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Security Council

2.30 p.m. — 5980th meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Chad, the Central African Republic and the subregion

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (S/2008/601 and S/2008/601/Add.1)

Afternoon[1] — 5981st meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Chad, the Central African Republic and the subregion

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (S/2008/601 and S/2008/601/Add.1)

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 5980th meeting.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

9 a.m. — 7th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Mahinda Rajapáksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Victor Yushchenko, President of Ukraine
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Fernando Lugo Méndez, President of the Republic of Paraguay
4. Address by His Excellency Mr. John Agyekum Kufuor, President of the Republic of Ghana
5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Aníbal António Cavaco Silva, President of the Portuguese Republic
6. Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Michelle Bachelet Jeria, President of the Republic of Chile
7. Address by His Excellency Mr. Danilo Türk, President of the Republic of Slovenia
8. Address by His Excellency Mr. Leonel Fernández Reyna, President of the Dominican Republic
9. Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal

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10. Address by His Excellency Mr. Felipe Calderón Hinojosa, President of the United Mexican States

11. Address by His Excellency Mr. Hâmid Karzai, President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

12. Address by His Excellency Mr. Blaise Compaoré, President of Burkina Faso

13. Address by His Excellency Mr. Shimon Peres, President of the State of Israel

14. Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [8]

Address by His Excellency Mr. Wen Jiabao, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China

Address by His Excellency Mr. José Ramón Machado Ventura, First Vice-President of the Council of State and Ministers of the Republic of Cuba

3 p.m. . . . . 8th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. José Manuel Zelaya Rosales, President of the Republic of Honduras

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Armando Emílio Guebuza, President of the Republic of Mozambique

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Toomas Hendrik Ilves, President of the Republic of Estonia

4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Bingu Wa Mutharika, President of the Republic of Malawi

5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Dimitris Christofias, President of the Republic of Cyprus

6. Address by His Excellency Mr. Álvaro Uribe Vélez, President of the Republic of Colombia

7. Address by His Excellency Mr. Valdis Zatlers, President of the Republic of Latvia

8. Address by His Excellency The Honourable Marcus Stephen, President of the Republic of Nauru

9. Address by His Excellency Mr. Elías Antonio Saca González, President of the Republic of El Salvador

10. Address by His Excellency Mr. Runaldo Ronald Venetiaan, President of the Republic of Suriname

11. Address by His Excellency Mr. Álvaro Colom Caballeros, President of the Republic of Guatemala

12. Address by His Excellency Mr. Lech Kaczyński, President of the Republic of Poland

13. Address by His Excellency Army General François Bozizé, President of the Central African Republic

14. Address by His Excellency Mr. Pedro Verona Rodrigues Pires, President of the Republic of Cape Verde

15. Address by His Excellency Mr. Bamir Topi, President of the Republic of Albania

16. Address by His Excellency Mr. Óscar Arias Sánchez, President of the Republic of Costa Rica

17. Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [8]

Address by His Excellency Mr. Bayar Sanj, Prime Minister of Mongolia

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Executive session

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 24 September 2008

Group of 77 (Twentieth Annual Meeting of Senior Officials)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Commonwealth (Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Commonwealth (Heads of the Government Special Meeting)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

OIC Committee on Palestine (at the ministerial level)

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

OIC Contact Group on Iraq (at the ministerial level)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

OIC Contact Group on Sierra Leone (at the ministerial level)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

OIC Contact Group on Jammu and Kashmir (at the ministerial level)

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

OIC Contact Group on Somalia (at the ministerial level)

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Other activities

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Wednesday, 24 September 2008

Ministerial Meeting in Support of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia, Austria, Canada, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan and the Netherlands)

From 9.30 to 10.40 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Elke Merks, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (tel. 1 (212) 519-9553 or 1 (212) 519-9744; e-mail elke.merks@minbuza.nl).]

Announcements

East Foyer and West Foyer (Indonesian Lounge)

During the high-level event on the Millennium Development Goals (25 September) and the duration of the general debate (23 September–3 October), the West Foyer (Indonesian Lounge) will be reserved for the exclusive use of Heads of State/Government, Vice-Presidents and Crown Princes/Princesses.

Kindly note that the West Foyer (Indonesian Lounge) will be in use for a Troika Heads of State meeting *today*, 24 September 2008, from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.

The East Foyer (directly across from the entrance to the General Assembly Hall) will be made available for the exclusive use of the First Spouses.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Wednesday, 24 September 2008

Room S-226

9 a.m. . . . . Mr. Juan Somavía, Director-General, International Labour Organization (ILO); Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); Mr. Guy Ryder, General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC); and Mr. Ronnie Goldberg, Vice President, International Organisation of Employers (IOE) (to launch a study entitled "Green Jobs: Towards Decent Work in a Sustainable, Low-Carbon World")

11 a.m. . . . . H.E. Ms. Ursula Plassnik, Foreign Minister of Austria; H.E. Mr. Stephen Smith, Foreign Minister of Australia; H.E. Mr. Bruno Stagno Ugarte, Foreign Minister of Costa Rica; Mr. Michael Douglas, United Nations Messenger of Peace and actor; Mr. William Perry, Former United States Defence Secretary; Mr. Tibor Tóth, Executive Secretary of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBT) (on the Ministerial Meeting in Support of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty)

12.40 p.m. . . . . Secretary-General to hold a joint press conference with H.E. Mr. Jens Stoltenberg, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Norway; Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); Mr. Kemal Dervis, Administrator of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); and Mr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) (to launch a new initiative to reduce emissions resulting from deforestation and forest degradation)

6 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Álvaro Uribe Vélez, President of the Republic of Colombia

Conference Room 4

10 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda; H.E. Mr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania; H.E. Mr. Yoweri Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda; H.E. Mrs. Sandra Torres de Colom, First Lady of the Republic of Guatemala; Ms. Josette Sheeran, Executive Director, World Food Programme (WFP); Mr. Howard G. Buffett, Chairman of the Howard G. Buffett Foundation; and Mr. Bill Gates, Co-chair, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (to launch a joint initiative to empower small farmers)

11.05 a.m. . . . . Secretary-General to hold a joint press conference with Conference of Parties (COP) Troika leaders–H.E. Mr. Lech Kaczyński, President of the Republic of Poland; H.E. Mr. Anders Fogh Rasmussen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Denmark; and H.E. Mr. Hassan Wirajuda, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia

Security Council stakeout

11.15 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Leonel Fernández Reyna, President of the Dominican Republic

2.15 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Emomali Rahmon, President of the Republic of Tajikistan; H.E. Mr. Jan Peter Balkenende, Prime Minister and Minister for General Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands; and Ms. Yoriko Kawaguchi, Special Envoy of the Government of Japan (to brief on the "Partnership Event Water and Sanitation for All")

3.30 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Vuk Jeremić, Foreign Minister of Serbia

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 25 September 2008

High-level event on the Millennium Development Goals convened by the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly

8.45–10 a.m. . . . . Opening segment . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Round tables

Round table I: ***Poverty and hunger***

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 4

Co-chairs: H.E. Mr. Bingu Wa Mutharika, President of the Republic of Malawi; and H.E. Mr. José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, President of the Government of the Kingdom of Spain

3–5.30 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 4

Co-chair: H.E. Mr. Boni Yayi, President of the Republic of Benin

Round table II: ***Education and health***

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Co-chairs: H.E. Mr. Danilo Türk, President of the Republic of Slovenia; and His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al Jaber Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of the State of Kuwait

3–5.30 p.m. . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Co-chairs: H.E. Mrs. Michelle Bachelet Jeria, President of the Republic of Chile; and H.E. Mr. Jens Stoltenberg, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Norway

Round table III: ***Environmental Sustainability***

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Co-chairs: H.E. Mr. Han Seung Soo, Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea; and H.E. Mr. David Thompson, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Development, Labour, Civil Service and Energy of Barbados

3–5.30 p.m. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Co-chairs: H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland; and H.E. Mr. Emomali Rahmon, President of the Republic of Tajikistan

5.30–5.45 p.m. . . . . Closing segment . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

[*Note:* Information on the side events which will take place on the same day can be accessed at the following Web site <www.un.org/millenniumgoals/2008highlevel/Partnership%20Events.pdf>.]

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

9 a.m. . . . . 9th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Emomali Rahmon, President of the Republic of Tajikistan
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Branko Crvenkovski, President of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. James Alix Michel, President of the Republic of Seychelles
4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Serz Sargsyan, President of the Republic of Armenia
5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Litokwa Tomeing, President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands
6. Address by His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Abdallah Sambi, President of the Union of the Comoros
7. Address by His Excellency Mr. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea
8. Address by His Excellency Mr. Anote Tong, President of the Republic of Kiribati
9. Address by His Excellency Mr. Fradique Bandeira Melo de Menezes, President of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe
10. Address by His Excellency Mr. Ernest Bai Koroma, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone
11. Address by His Excellency Mr. Jalal Talabani, President of the Republic of Iraq
12. Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [8]

    Address by His Excellency The Honourable Elias Camsek Chin, Vice President of the Republic of Palau

    Address by His Excellency The Honourable Winston Baldwin Spencer, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda

3 p.m. . . . . 10th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Emanuel Mori, President of the Federated States of Micronesia
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. João Bernardo Vieira, President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau
3. Address by His Majesty King Mswati III, Head of State of the Kingdom of Swaziland
4. Address by His Excellency Mr. José Ramos-Horta, President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste
5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Robert Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe
6. Address by His Excellency Mr. Paul Biya, President of the Republic of Cameroon
7. Address by His Excellency Mr. Asif Ali Zardari, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
8. Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [8]

Address by His Excellency Mr. Ali Osman Mohamed Taha, Vice-President of the Republic of the Sudan

Address by His Excellency Mr. José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, President of the Government of the Kingdom of Spain

Address by the Prime Minister of Japan

Address by His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al Jaber Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of the State of Kuwait

Address by His Excellency Mr. Han Seung-soo, Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea

Address by His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, Crown Prince of Brunei Darussalam

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Kevin Rudd, Prime Minister of Australia

Address by His Excellency Mr. Albert Pintat, Chief of the Government of the Principality of Andorra

Address by His Excellency Mr. Fiorenzo Stolfi, Head of Government and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Political Affairs and Economic Planning of the Republic of San Marino

Address by His Excellency Mr. Jens Stoltenberg, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Norway

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Denzil Douglas, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister of National Security and Immigration, Minister of Sustainable Development and Minister of Tourism, Sports and Culture of Saint Kitts and Nevis

Address by His Excellency Mr. Jan Peter Balkenende, Prime Minister and Minister for General Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Address by His Excellency Mr. Ralph E. Gonsalves, Prime Minister, Minister for Finance, Planning, Economic Development, Labour, Information, Grenadines and Legal Affairs of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Main Committees

First Committee

The First Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its tentative programme of work and timetable (see document A/62/399*).

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items from Monday, 6, to Tuesday, 14 October 2008. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact Ms. Giulia Marrone (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-9328; e-mail marrone@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the First Committee and guidance provided by the Bureau, a time limit should be observed of 10 minutes for delegations speaking in their national

capacity, and 15 minutes for those speaking on behalf of several delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to Mr. Jarmo Sareva, Secretary of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378).

A technical briefing by the Secretariat for delegates of the First Committee will be held on Wednesday, 1 October 2008, from *11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.*

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 1st meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The agenda for the meeting will be as follows: Allocation of agenda items (A/C.4/63/1)[1]; organization of work (A/C.4/63/L.1); list of documents of the Committee (A/C.4/63/INF/1)[1]; and aide-mémoire on requests for hearing (1/08)[2].

The Committee will begin its consideration of the cluster of items on decolonization on Monday, 6 October, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to all decolonization items are kindly requested to notify Mr. Martin Vrastiak (room S-2977JJ; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail vrastiak@un.org).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. John Pabon, room S-2977NN; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

[1]To be issued.
[2]To be distributed at the meeting.

Second Committee

Organizational meeting

The Second Committee will hold its first meeting on Monday, 29 September 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its proposed organization of work, as contained in document A/C.2/63/L.1.

General debate

The Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 6 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, and the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Sha Zukang, will address the Committee before the opening of its general debate.

Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee will open *today*, 24 September 2008. The Committee will begin its work on Monday, 6 October, at 10 a.m.

Participants

Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Friday, 3 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its proposed programme of work. The status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly will be issued as document A/C.5/63/L.1.

The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, will make a statement at the Committee's organizational meeting.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Mr. Movses Abelian (room S-2633A; fax 1 (212) 963-0360).

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, including the tentative and provisional programme of work, is available at <www.un.org/ga/fifth>.

Informal briefings

Informal briefings (closed) will be held as follows:

Friday, 3 October 2008, immediately following the organizational meeting of the Fifth Committee, in Conference Room 3:

Reform and management of the United Nations (by Ms. Angela Kane, Under-Secretary-General for Management)

Monday, 6 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Human Resources Management (by Ms. Catherine Pollard, Assistant Secretary-General, Human Resources Management); and

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Enterprise resource planning (ERP)/Information and communication technology (ICT) (by Mr. Choi Soon-hong, Chief Information Technology Officer, Assistant Secretary-General); and

Capital master plan (by Mr. Michael Adlerstein, Executive Director, Assistant Secretary-General, CMP).

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on the provisional agenda item 73 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 73 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) of the provisional agenda of the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly will be held on Monday, 29 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 3 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Information sessions for new delegates, organized by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS), will be held on Monday, 29 September 2008, from 1 to 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room B, on the outcome of the eighteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the outcome of recent sessions of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf; and on Wednesday, 1 October 2008, from 1 to 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8, on the outcome of the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction and relevant recent developments within the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the outcome of the ninth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea.

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Executive Board

Fifth session

Second resumed session

The second resumed fifth session (closed) of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advance of Women (INSTRAW) will be held on Thursday, 2 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

High-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action (2 and 3 October 2008)

A high-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action will be held on 2 and 3 October 2008. It will comprise an opening plenary meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008 (morning), in the General Assembly Hall, followed immediately by a high-level panel on the theme "*Role of International Support in establishing efficient transit transport systems to expand trade opportunities for landlocked developing countries*", to be held in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The high-level plenary meeting will continue the same day from 3 to 6 p.m.; and the following day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

The outcome document of the high-level midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action will be adopted at the closing plenary meeting to be held on Friday, 3 October 2008, from 5.30 to 6 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

Delegations wishing to participate are kindly requested to inscribe with the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940B; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail heddachem@un.org). Participation at the meeting is expected at the ministerial or highest possible level. Delegations are encouraged to limit their interventions during the plenary meetings to no more than seven minutes.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 25 July 2008, as well as an information note on the high-level plenary meeting and its tentative programme have been sent to all Member States by facsimile and can be accessed at the following Web site <www.un.org/ga/president/62/letters/almaty250708.pdf>.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 (Thirty-second Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)

Friday, 26 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

OIC Annual Coordination Meeting of Foreign Ministers (at the ministerial level)

Friday, 26 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

Monday, 29 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

UNITAR seminar on "Labour migration: protection, gender and development" (organized in collaboration with IOM, UNFPA, ILO and the MacArthur Foundation)

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[Advance registration is required to attend the seminar. For further information please visit <www.unitarny.org/en/migdevseries.html>; or contact Ms. Victoria Rietig, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail victoriarietig@unitarny.org).]

Training seminar on the universal periodic review mechanism of the Human Rights Council (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; and

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All Permanent Missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ann Syauta, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (tel. 1 (917) 367-3602; e-mail syauta@un.org).]

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing for parliamentarians attending the general debate of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly on cooperation between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) (sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Italy in cooperation with the Inter-Parliamentary Union)

Friday, 26 September 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[Permanent Representatives and Observers are invited to attend. For more information contact the IPU Office (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880; e-mail ny-office@mail.ipu.org).]

High-Level Investment Forum "Investing in landlocked developing countries: trends, experiences and the way forward" (jointly organized by the UN-OHRLLS, UNCTAD and the World Bank)

Wednesday, 1 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Margherita Musollino-Berg, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4844; e-mail musollino@un.org).]

Round table on "Regional dimension of transit transport cooperation", as part of the High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action (organized by the UN-OHRLLS)

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in *Conference Room 6*.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Margherita Musollino-Berg, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4844; e-mail musollino@un.org).]

Announcements

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October, according to the following schedule:

Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 5: *Arabic*
Thursday, 2 October, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 5: *Chinese*
Friday, 3 October, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 5: *English*
Friday, 3 October, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 5: *French*
Monday, 6 October, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 6: *Russian*
Tuesday, 7 October, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 6: *Spanish.*

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Proposed dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee

The dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly (Administration of justice at the United Nations; Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission; and Measures to eliminate international terrorism), as proposed by the incoming Bureau, are now available on the Web site of the Sixth Committee <www.un.org/law/cod/sixth/>.

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

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Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

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Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever

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Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

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Summary of official meetings

Monday, 22 September 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

3rd plenary meeting

New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support: High-level meeting on the theme "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward" [57 (a)]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/130)

(b) Draft resolution (A/63/L.1)

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania and Chairman of the African Union, made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Nicolas Sarkozy. President of the French Republic and the President of the Council of the European Union, made a statement.

H.E. Ms. Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany and Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Financing for Development Conference, made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Yoshiro Mori, Special Envoy of the Government of Japan, made a statement.

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 3208 of the twenty-ninth session of 11 October 1974, H.E. Mr. José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission, made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 2011 of the twentieth session of 11 October 1965 and decision 56/475 of 15 August 2002, H.E. Mr. Jean Ping, Chairman of the African Union Commission and former President of the General Assembly, made a statement.

Round table 1

The Co-Chair, H.E. Mr. John Agyekum Kufour, President of the Republic of Ghana, made an introductory statement.

An interactive discussion was held with the participation of H.E. Mr. Hifikepunye Pohamba, President of the Republic of Namibia; H.E. Mr. Abdullah Gül, President of the Republic of Turkey; H.E. Mr. Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal; H.E. Mr. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda; H.E. Mr. Fradique Bandeira Melo de Menezes, President of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe; H.E. Mr. Danilo Türk, President of the Republic of Slovenia; H.E. Mr. Ernest Bai Koroma, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone; H.E. Mr. Yoshiro Mori, Special Envoy of the Government of Japan; H.E. Mr. Didjob Divungi di Ndinge, Vice President of the Gabonese Republic; H.E. Mr. José Ramón Machado Ventura, First Vice-President of the Council of State and Ministers of the Republic of Cuba; H.E. Mr. Ivo Sanader, Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia; and H.E. Mr. Abbas El Fassi, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Morocco.

The Co-Chair, H.E. Mr. Haris Silajdžić, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, made a statement.

The interactive discussion continued with the participation of Mr. Tim Costello, President and Chief Executive Officer of World Vision International; H.E. Mr. Ján Kubiš, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovakia; H.E. Ms. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Minister for Foreign Affairs of South Africa; H.E. Lord Mark Malloch-Brown, Minister of State for Africa, Asia and United Nations Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; H.E. Mr. Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar; H.E. Mr. Jean Asselborn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration of Luxembourg; H.E. Mr. Asim Hussain, Federal Minister of Pakistan; H.E. Ms. Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul, Federal Minister of Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany; H.E. Mr. Hassan Wirajuda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia; H.E. Mr. Fidil Al-Tigani, Minister of International Cooperation of the Sudan; H.E. Ms. Ulla Toernaes, Minister for Development Cooperation of Denmark; H.E. Mr. Alexander Yakovenko, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; H.E. Ms. Adriana Mejía, Deputy Minister of Multilateral Affairs of Colombia; H.E. Mr. Ángel Lossada, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Spain; H.E. Mr. Mohamed Elorabi, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt; and Mr. Hinomasa Yonekura, President of the Sumitomo Chemical.

The Co-Chairs, H.E. Mr. Haris Silajdžić, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina; and H.E. Mr. John Agyekum Kufour, President of the Republic of Ghana, made concluding remarks.

Round table 2

The Co-chair, H.E. Mr. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, made an introductory statement.

An interactive discussion was held with the participation of H.E. Mr. Armando Emílio Guebuza, President of the Republic of Mozambique; His Majesty King Mswati III, Head of State of the Kingdom of Swaziland; H.E. Mr. Marc Ravalomanana, President of the Republic of Madagascar; H.E. Mr. Ahmed Tidiane Souaré, Prime Minister of the Republic of Guinea; H.E. Mr. Ralph E. Gonsalves, Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; H.E. Mr. Fakhruddin Ahmed, Chief Adviser of the Caretaker Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh; H.E. Ms. Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State of the United States of America; H.E. Mr. Charles Michel, Minister of Development Cooperation of Belgium; and H.E. Mr. Ojo Maduekwe, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nigeria. The representatives of the Economic Commission for Africa and the observer of the European Community also made statements.

The Co-chair, H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland, made a statement.

The interactive discussion continued with the participation of H.E. Mr. Valdis Zatlers, President of the Republic of Latvia; H.E. Mr. Kenneth Baugh, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Jamaica; H.E. Mr. Yang Jiechi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of China; H.E. Ms. Kinga Göncz, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Hungary; H.E. Mr. Ato Newaye Gebreab, Minister, Chief Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister of Ethiopia; H.E. Mr. Fawzi Salloukh, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigrants of Lebanon; H.E. Mr. Peter Power, Minister of State, Department of Foreign Affairs of Ireland; H.E. Mr. Koffi Essaw, Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration of Togo; H.E. Mrs. Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir, Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade of Iceland; H.E. Mr. João Bernardo de Miranda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Angola; H.E. Mr. Henri Eyebe Ayissi, Minister of External Relations of Cameroon; H.E. Mr. Ivailo Kalfin, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria; and H.E. Mr. Simbarashe Simbaneduku Mumbengegwi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Zimbabwe. Statements were also made by the representatives of the Pan-African Parliament, Map International and the Food and Agriculture Organization.

The Co-chair, H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland, made concluding remarks.

Round table 3

The Co-Chair, H.E. Mr. Abdulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal, made an introductory statement.

An interactive discussion was held with the participation of H.E. Mr. François Bozizé, President of the Central African Republic; H.E. Mr. Boni Yayi, President of the Republic of Benin; H.E. Mr. Jan Peter Balkenende, Prime Minister and Minister for General Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands; H.E. Mr. Anand Sharma, Minister of State for External Affairs of India; H.E. Mr. Alain Joyandet, Minister of Cooperation and La Francophonie of France; H.E. Hon. Bradford Machila, Minister of Lands of Zambia; H.E. Mr. Erik Solheim, Minister of the Environment and International Development of Norway; H.E. Mr. Alejandro Foxley Rioseco, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chile; H.E. Ms. Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guyana; H.E. Mr. Alberto Romulo, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines; H.E. Mr. Vincenzo Scotti, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy; H.E. Mr. Alexandre Fasel, Director of the UN Division of the Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland;

H.E. Mr. Franck Biancheri, Government Counsellor for External Relations and for International Economic and Financial Affairs of Monaco; Mr. Abdulrahman Almofadhi, Saudi Fund for Development; and the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Antigua and Barbuda, Viet Nam and Nicaragua.

A statement was also made by the Co-Chair, H.E. Mr. Abdulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal.

Statements were made by the observer of the Observer State of the Holy See, the observers of the Commonwealth Secretariat and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; the representatives of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs; as well as, by representatives of World Vision and the African Monitor, Business Action for Africa and Regenesys.

The Co-Chair, H.E. Mr. Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, made concluding remarks.

Round table 4

The Co-chair H.E. Mr. Pedro Verona Rodrigues Pires, President of the Republic of Cape Verde, made an introductory statement.

An interactive discussion was held with the participation of H.E. Mr. Luiz Inácio Lula Da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil; H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran; H.E. Mr. Heinz Fischer, President of the Republic of Austria; H.E. Mr. Yu Myung-hwan, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea; H.E. Mr. Stephen Smith, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia; H.E. Mr. Wycliffe Oparanya, Minister for Planning, National Development Vision 2030 of Kenya; H.E. Mr. Basile Ikouebe, Minister for Foreign Affairs and La Francophonie of the Congo; the representative of Thailand; H.E. Mr. Omar A. Touray, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Gambia; H.E. Mr. Carl Bildt, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden; H.E. Mr. Urmas Paet, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Estonia; the representatives of Belarus, Botswana and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; H.E. Mr. Alexander Horin, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine; the representative of Liberia; H.E. Mr. Khaled Muhammad Al-Attiya, Minister of State for International Cooperation of Qatar; H.E. Ms. Antoinette Batumubwira, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Burundi; and the representatives of Kuwait and Israel. Statements were also made by the representatives of the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, Pan African Women's Organization and the Development Bank for Southern Africa.

The Co-chair, H.E. Mr. Pedro Vernon Rodrigues Pires, President of the Republic of Cape Verde, made concluding remarks.

4th plenary meeting

New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support: High-level meeting on the theme "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward": draft resolution (A/63/L.1). . . . . [57 (a)]

The General Assembly continued its High-level Meeting on the theme "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward".

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.1 (resolution 63/1).

H.E. Mr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania and Chairman of the African Union, made a statement.

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly has thus concluded the High-level Meeting on the theme "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward".

The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 57.

Tuesday, 23 September 2008

Security Council

5979th meeting

Maintenance of international peace and security

Letter dated 3 September 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Burkina Faso to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2008/590)

The meeting was presided over by H.E. Mr. Blaise Compaoré, President of Burkina Faso and H.E. Mr. Bedouma Alain Yoda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Burkina Faso, in their capacity as President of the Security Council.

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi.

The President, H.E. Mr. Blaise Compaoré, made introductory remarks and a statement in his capacity as the President of Burkina Faso.

The Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, made a statement.

The Council heard a statement by Mr. Brahimi.

The Security Council was addressed by H.E. Mr. Martín Torrijos, President of the Republic of Panama; H.E. Mr. Ivo Sanader, Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia; H.E. Mr. Karel de Gucht, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belgium; H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Clarice Dlamini-Zuma, Minister for Foreign Affairs of South Africa; H.E. Dr. Hassan Wirajuda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia; H.E. Mr. Franco Frattini, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy; H.E. Mr. Bernard Kouchner, Minister for Foreign Affairs of France; H.E. Mr. Alexander Yakovenko, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; H.E. Lord Mark Malloch-Brown, Minister of State for Africa, Asia and United Nations Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; H.E. Mr. Le Luong Minh, Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations; H.E. Mr. Zalmay Khalilzad, Permanent Representative of the United States Mission to the United Nation; H.E. Mr. Giadalla A. Ettalhi, Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations; H.E. Mr. Jorge Urbina, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations; and H.E. Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Deputy Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2008/36).

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

5th plenary meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/63/1) . . . . [100]

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Opening of the general debate . . . . . [8]

The President of the General Assembly made a statement

The General Assembly was informed that as in previous sessions that there would be a time limit of up to 15 minutes for each statement.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil

H.E. Mr. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. George W. Bush, President of the United States of America

H.E. Mr. George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Nicolas Sarkozy, President of the French Republic

H.E. Mr. Nicolas Sarkozy, President of the French Republic, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines

H.E. Mrs. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar

His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia

H.E. Mrs. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdullah Gül, President of the Republic of Turkey

H.E. Mr. Abdullah Gül, President of the Republic of Turkey, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, President of the Argentine Republic

H.E. Mrs. Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, President of the Argentine Republic, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Marc Ravalomanana, President of the Republic of Madagascar

H.E. Mr. Marc Ravalomanana, President of the Republic of Madagascar, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Boris Tadić, President of the Republic of Serbia

H.E. Mr. Boris Tadić, President of the Republic of Serbia, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, President of the Republic of the United Republic of Tanzania

H.E. Mr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [8]

H.E. Mr. Didjob Divungi Di Ndinge, Vice-President of the Gabonese Republic, addressed the General Assembly.

6th plenary meeting — The summary of the 6th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/187).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Vienna Convention on the Representation of States in their Relations with International Organizations of a Universal Character. Vienna, 14 March 1975

Accession: Paraguay (23 September 2008)[1]

Convention on the non-applicability of statutory limitations to war crimes and crimes against humanity. New York, 26 November 1968

Accession: Paraguay (23 September 2008)[1]

Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 20 November 1989

Withdrawal of declaration and reservations made upon ratification: Tunisia (23 September 2008)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. New York, 18 December 1990

Ratification: Paraguay (23 September 2008)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Accession: Tunisia (23 September 2008)[1]

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Signature: Solomon Islands (23 September 2008)

Signature: Togo (23 September 2008)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Signature: France (23 September 2008)

Signature: Togo (23 September 2008)

International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. New York, 20 December 2006

Ratification: France (23 September 2008)[1]

Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 9 December 1994

Accession: Guatemala (23 September 2008)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 8 December 2005

Ratification: Czech Republic (23 September 2008)[1]

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Accession: Paraguay (23 September 2008)[1]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Ratification: Tunisia (23 September 2008)[1]

International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006. Geneva, 27 January 2006

Signature: Czech Republic (23 September 2008)

Signature: Spain (23 September 2008)

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Treaty event

Multilateral Treaty Framework: An invitation to universal participation

2008 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation — Dignity and justice for all of us

United Nations Headquarters (23-25 and 29 September-1 October 2008)

It is recalled that a series of successful treaty events has been held annually at the United Nations Headquarters commencing with the Millennium Summit in September 2000. This year, the annual treaty event *will continue* until 25 September 2008; on 29 September; and 1 October 2008, to coincide with the general debate of the sixty-third General Assembly.

The event, entitled "2008 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation — Dignity and justice for all of us", provides a distinct opportunity for States to demonstrate their continuing commitment to the central role of the rule of law in international relations. This year's event will highlight treaties associated with the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Year of Planet Earth, the International Year of Sanitation and the International Polar Year, as well as transit and transport treaties of concern to landlocked and transit developing countries.

The list of treaties being highlighted this year has been circulated by depositary notification C.N.158.2008 of 7 March 2008. As is customary, it will be possible to undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event. Necessary facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations intending to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures.

Under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties, on behalf of States without having to produce to full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Likewise, instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession must be issued and signed by the same authorities.

Further information concerning the 2008 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site <treaties.un.org> and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (contact: Ms. Sherry Holbrook (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047)). Information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the *Treaty Handbook*, which is also available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *September 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Guinea
H.E. Mr. Alpha Ibrahim Sow

Asian States:
India
H.E. Mr. Nirupam Sen

Eastern European States:
Bosnia and Herzegovina
H.E. Mr. Miloš Prica

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Bolivia
H.E. Mr. Hugo Siles Alvarado

Western European and other States:
Greece
H.E. Mr. John Mourikis

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 23 September 2008.

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General Assembly	**Official Records**
	Sixty-third session
A/63/46	Report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation — Fifty-sixth session — (10-18 July 2008) — Supplement No. 46 [A C E F R S]
	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law **Forty-first session**
A/CN.9/SR/876	Meeting held on 23 June 2008, 3 p.m. [A C E F R S]
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixty-third session
A/63/123	Items 16, 41, 51, 56, 65, 67 and 101 of the preliminary list — Question of Palestine — Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory,

	including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources — Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference — Eradication of poverty and other development issues — Elimination of racism and racial discrimination — Promotion and protection of human rights — Measures to eliminate international terrorism — Letter dated 8 July 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/250/Corr.1	Organization of the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items — First report of the General Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/252	Allocation of agenda items for the sixty-third session of the General Assembly — Adopted by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2008 [A C E F R S]
A/63/268*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
A/63/300*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
A/63/302 (Part I)/Add/1	Item 131 of the provisional agenda — Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services — Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 [A C E F R S]
A/63/333	Item 54 (a) of the provisional agenda — Globalization and interdependence: role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence — Impact of globalization on the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/340	Item 67 (b) of the provisional agenda — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — The right to development — Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development [A C E F R S]
A/63/358–S/2008/608	Item 15 of the provisional agenda — The situation in the Middle East — Identical letters dated 15 September 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
	Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)
A/C.4/63/L.1	Organization of work — Note by the Chairman [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
A/63/358–S/2008/608	Identical letters dated 15 September 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/610	Draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5977	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5978	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/PRST/2008/35	Statement by the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

S/RES/1833 (2008) Adopted by the Security Council at its 5977th meeting, on 22 September 2008 [A C E F R S]

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Documents

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DP/2008/52 Item 5 of the provisional agenda — United Nations Office for Project Services — The governance structure of the United Nations Office for Project Services — Proposal to realign the Management Coordination Committee within the current governance arrangements of UNOPS [A C E F R S]

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